

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 7 and ADD new claim 16-17 in accordance with the following:

Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A communication system utilizing a network, comprising:
a first computer, connected to the network, the first computer including an access unit
which determines predetermined quality of service features for interaction with the network; and
a second computer, connected to the network, to administer the quality of service
features of the access unit.

8. (Previously Presented) The communication system according to claim 7, wherein the
network is the Internet.

9. (Previously Presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the
access unit is an autonomous device.

10. (Previously Presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 7, wherein
the access unit is a plug-in device for the first computer.

11. (Previously Presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 7, wherein
the access unit is a processor of the first computer programmed to determine predetermined
quality of service features for interaction with the network.

12. (Previously Presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 7, wherein
said second computer is assigned to a service provider.

13. (Previously Presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 7, wherein
said second computer is assigned to an Internet service provider.

14. (Previously Presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the quality of service features are called up dynamically in the access unit.

15. (Previously Presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 7, wherein conversion from a first protocol to a second protocol is effected in the access unit.

16. (New) A communication system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the access unit is an integral component in the first computer and is incapable of operation without additional components.

17. (New) The communication system as claimed in claim 16, wherein the first computer is a user computer.